

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a granular detergent component comprising a cross-linked polyacrylate organic superabsorbing material, which process comprises absorbing an aqueous solution of detergent ingredient on the organic superabsorbing material and removing water by an evaporative process, wherein the component comprises at least 40 wt% of a surfactant or mixture of surfactants.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises an anionic surfactant.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises a nonionic surfactant.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises cationic surfactant.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the detergent ingredient comprises a polymer.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polymer is amphoteric, nonionic or cationic.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution or dispersion of detergent ingredient contains from 20% to 90% by weight of surfactant.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of detergent ingredient and the organic superabsorbent material are mixed in a high shear mixer.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of detergent ingredient and the organic superabsorbent material are mixed in a flash thin film evaporator/dryer.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of detergent ingredient and the organic superabsorbent material are mixed in a low shear mixer.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the maximum temperature of the detergent component during the process is 150°C.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A detergent component comprising a cross linked polyacrylate organic superabsorbing material and a detergent ingredient the detergent component comprising between 40% and 90% by weight of a surfactant or mixture of surfactants.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) A detergent component as claimed in claim 12, comprising between 50% and 75% by weight of a surfactant or mixture of surfactants.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) A detergent component as claimed in ~~any one of claims 12 to 13~~claim 12, which has a number average particle size of from 15 to 1500 microns, preferably from 120 to 500 microns.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A particulate laundry detergent composition comprising in total from 5 to 60 wt% of one or more organic detergent surfactants, from 10 to 80 wt% of one or more detergency builders and optionally other detergent ingredients, which composition includes a detergent component as produced by the process of ~~claims 1 to 44~~claim 1.